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MEMORANDUM TO: Chairman, Subcommittee for Exploitation of Foreign
Language Publications

FROM : CIA Representative

SUBJECT : Exploitation Needs for Southeast Asia

The following are statements of need by CIA for exploitation of South-east Asia publications:

1. Viet Minh area, now a part of the Bloc, requires a treatment similar to that accorded exploitation of Chinese publications.
2. General information is needed on a continuing basis regarding:
 - (1) area details, (2) ethnic groups, (3) administrative and electoral structure and boundaries, (4) physical geography such as climate, topography, etc., (5) agriculture, (6) material production, (7) domestic trade, and (8) locational aspects of economic activities.
3. Specific detailed treatment is needed regarding the following:
 - (1) transportation, (2) telecommunications, (3) foreign trade with Bloc and non-Bloc areas, (with special emphasis on trade with the Bloc), (4) technical aid by the Bloc, (5) possible creation of material dumps and supply lines, (6) population and manpower, including any reference to primitive tribal groups, (7) irrigation and/or hydroelectric projects, (8) mapping and/or aerial photographic effort, and (9) any information contributing to urban area description and analysis.
4. Annotated treatment, where possible, of other publication material received at FID bearing on this area.
5. Special studies as requested in terms of need (e.g., Thai volunteer Defense Corps, special personality studies).
6. In view of the limited number of language officers for these areas of Southeast Asia, sufficient flexibility must be incorporated into any commitment for periodic reporting so as to allow satisfaction of special requests.


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7. The CS standing requirements, which are periodically revised, are to serve as a statement of need by RQM/OIS.

8. The type of reporting most desired, except in the case of a special study requests, is in the form of extracts. If necessary to organize further organize this material for publication, a treatment by country and then by subject is acceptable.

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